

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are presently pending in the above-referenced application. New claim 19 is added herein, as indicated above.

In the present office action, the Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following allegedly patentably distinct inventions:

- Group I – as set forth in claims 1-16; and
- Group II – as set forth in claims 17 and 18.

In response, Applicants elect (i.e., restrict the application to) the claims within Group I, i.e., claims 1-16. Applicants also submit that new claim 19 should be included in Group I since claim 19 (like claims 1-10) is directed to an active-matrix liquid crystal display device.

Additionally, the Examiner asserts in the present office action that the following two patentably distinct species are present among claims 1-16:

Species I – directed to a normally white display mode of the liquid crystal display apparatus (see Fig. 10A and the text located between page 25, line 17 and page 29, line 2 of the specification); and

Species II – directed to a normally black display mode of the liquid crystal display apparatus (see Fig. 10B and the text located between page 29, line 3 and page 30, line 23 of the specification)

And the Examiner further requires that Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which claims 1-16 shall be restricted in the event that no generic claim - the Examiner states that, currently, claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 are generic - is held to be allowable.

In response, Applicants elect Species I for prosecution in the event that no generic claim is allowed.


Lastly, the Examiner requires that Applicants list all of the claims (among claims 1-16, as well as any added claims) that are readable upon the elected Species, i.e., Species I.

In response, Applicants submit that at least claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-13 and new claim 19 read upon this Species. Applicants further submit that new claim 19 is generic as well.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that this communication is fully responsive to the present office action, and Applicants respectfully request early consideration and allowance of the elected claims of this application.

Aside from the enclosed \$84.00, no additional fee(s) is/are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this communication. However, in the event that any additional fee(s) is/are due, and/or if the \$84.00 fee is deficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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